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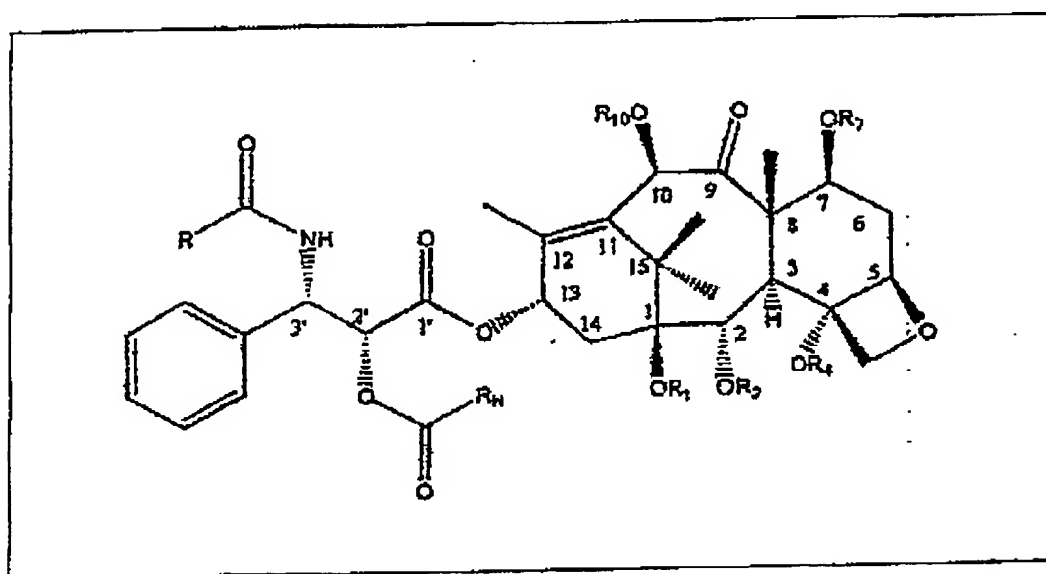
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Amendments to the Specification.

Replace the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 2 to the bottom of page 3 with the following paragraph:

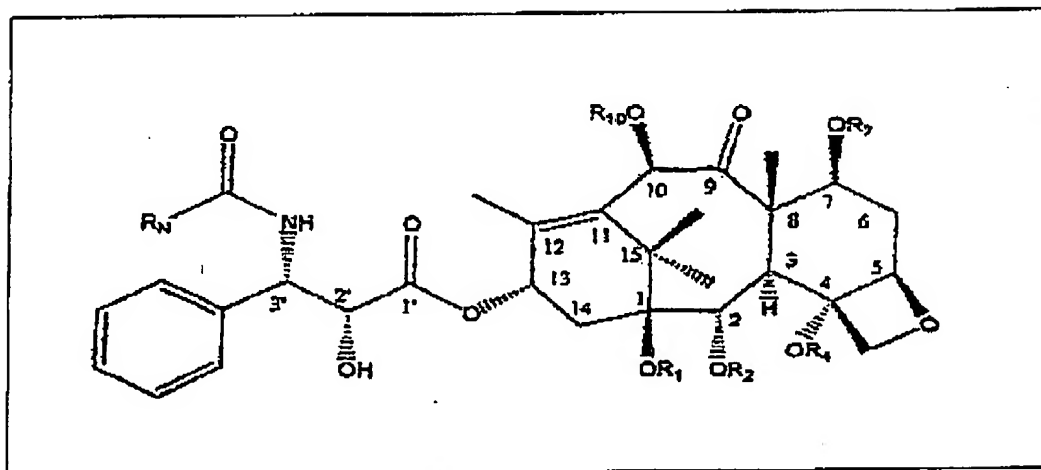
In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of converting a taxane molecule having the formula:



where  $R_1$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group;  $R_2$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group;  $R_4$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group;  $R_7$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, a glycoside group, an oxo-group, or a hydroxyl protecting group;  $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group;  $R$  is an alkoxy group, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, an ether group, heterocyclic group, or a vinyl group; and  $R_N$  is an alkoxy group, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, an ether group, or a heterocyclic group, or a vinyl group;

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to another taxane molecule having the formula:



where R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, and R<sub>N</sub> are as defined above.